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FOR:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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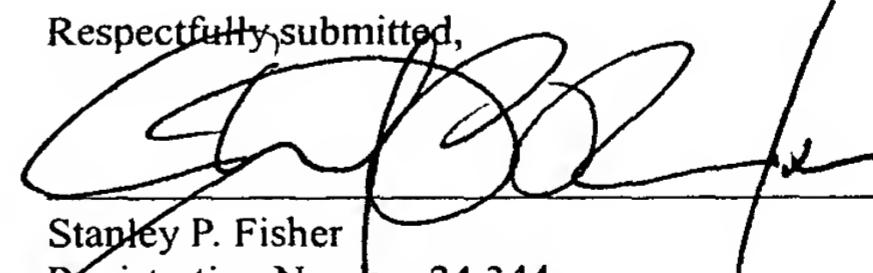
- 6 sheets of formal informal drawings.
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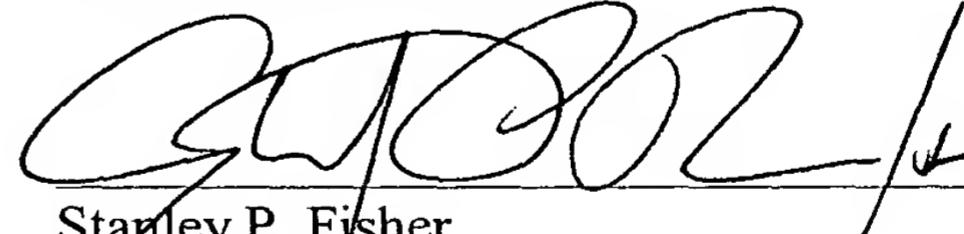
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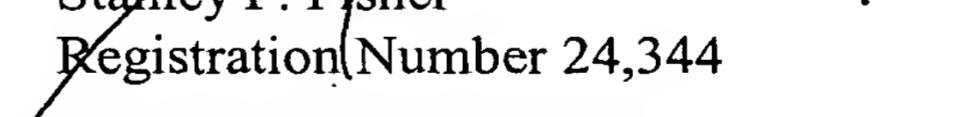
In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of April 25, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-127043.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-127043 will be submitted as soon as received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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